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War-Time Powers For Fighting Crisis

ATTLEE'S SURPRISE MOVE

London, Aug. 5.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, in a surprise move today asked the Commons for wartime powers to fight the national bankruptcy threatening Britain. Mr Attlee presented a bill to extend the purposes of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act of 1945 and it was read formally for the first time.

Under the bill, the Government will be given wide powers to take whatever measures it deems necessary to overcome the worsening economic crisis. The act originally was passed to permit the Government to make defence regulations for control of prices and charges and to facilitate readjustment of industry.

Mr Herbert Morrison, Government leader in the House, said the bill was being introduced to give effect to the drastic anti-crisis measures which Mr Attlee will announce in the Commons tomorrow.

He said the Government felt it necessary the bill should be passed through all stages before the summer recess, which is tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday.

The Opposition leader, Mr Anthony Eden, said the bill almost certainly would mean that the present session would continue into next week.

Mr Morrison agreed that the House could sit next week if necessary. Tentative arrangements were made for meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The 1945 Act gave the Government all-embracing powers over persons and property, virtually equal to those conferred upon the executive when Britain was threatened with a German invasion in 1940.

Mr Attlee's bill would extend the defence regulations under the act to apply to:

1. Promotion of productivity of industry, commerce and agriculture.
2. Fostering and directing exports and reducing imports of any classes from all or any countries and redressing the balance of trade.
3. Generally insuring the whole resources of the Cabinet are available and used in a manner best calculated to serve the community.

Mr Eden asked for time to study the bill but indicated that the opposition would support it.

The bill was introduced after a two-and-a-half-hour Cabinet meeting that gave final approval to probably the most stringent austerity programme ever imposed on Britons in war or peace.

ANXIOUS CROWD

Increasing this air of crisis was a silent crowd of nearly 1,000 persons, who stood behind police lines opposite 10, Downing Street in alternate drizzling rain and sunshine, while Mr Attlee and his Ministers deliberated for more than two and a half hours.

Mr Attlee's top Ministers may meet again tomorrow morning for an eleven-hour review of the situation.

The Prime Minister probably will begin speaking between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. DBST after Colonel Oliver Stanley, for the Opposition, has opened the debate on the state of the nation.

Mr Attlee probably will take two hours and most reliable information was that he would announce these crisis measures.

1. A "buyers' strike" against high prices in North and South America in the form of sharp cuts in dollar imports, especially in tobacco, films, tinne food and, to a lesser extent, meat.
2. "Freezing" of workers in essential industries, especially iron and steel, coal, mining, textiles and other export factories.

3. Increased production targets for essential industries.

4. Overtime work and pay and bonuses to raise production per man in essential industries.

5. Powers to seize factories or at least replace the management in factories found inefficient.

6. Increased exports of textiles and other products, with consequent greater shortages of the home market.

7. Sharp increases in the rate of demobilisation of the armed forces to provide manpower for industry.

8. Reduction, if not abolition, of foreign exchange allowances for Britons' trips abroad. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, told a questioner in the Commons today that currency allowances for trips abroad would be included in Mr Attlee's speech.

Mr Eden said it will continue on Thursday with Sir John Anderson and Mr Anthony Eden speaking for the Opposition and Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, winding up.—United Press.

UNEASY EXPECTANCY

Reuter adds that informed political quarters tonight believed that the Conservative Opposition, disturbed by the width and extent of the authority which was being given the Government, may be disposed to thrash it out at length and, unless given certain assurances, to offer some resistance to its enactment.

On present plans, Parliament is expected to rise for the summer recess at the weekend, but difficulties over this new bill may conceivably prolong the session into next week.

In reply to a question, Mr Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, indicated in the House of Commons today that Parliament might delay the summer adjournment until some time next week. "If it is necessary in the interests of the nation for the House to sit a bit longer, it will do so," he said.

The mood of both Houses of Parliament tonight was one of uneasy expectancy. There was a widespread tendency to believe that Parliament as a whole would probably react more favourably to a forthright Government programme of economic reorganisation and retrenchment, however spartan its effect upon the nation, than it would to some system of mere palliative measures calculated only to delay the impact of the crisis.

What all the parties want to learn from tomorrow's Parliamentary disclosures is not so much details of fresh austerity as the Government's plan for ensuring extra output from specific industries, including, naturally, the coal industry.

ONLY ONE SOLUTION

There is a widespread recognition that production is the one permanent solution to Britain's economic plight and that all self-denying ordinances, however severe, which the Government may impose upon domestic Britain will be useless unless they are accompanied by ruthless and determined production. In the first instance for export, and in the second instance for the creation of commodities to replace goods which Britain can no longer afford to import.

The Government has informed the American Government of the proposals it intends to lay before Parliament tomorrow, indicating that these steps are an inevitable consequence of the dollar scarcity with which Britain is now faced.

Mr Attlee is expected to be able to tell Parliament that the United States has responded sympathetically to a British request for discussions with the United States upon the currency position.

One of the subjects likely to be raised in this context is the supply of dollars to provide imports for the British Zone of Germany.—Reuter.

Terrorists Blow Up Government Building

Jerusalem, Aug. 5.—Jewish terrorists, striking less than 24 hours after the demolition by British Army sappers of a terrorist arsenal in Jerusalem, today blew up the Government Labour Department building, killing three people.

The building, situated in Jerusalem's ancient Streets of the Prophets, was wrecked by a time bomb.

One of the dead, a British constable, was trying to remove the bomb from the building. The explosion occurred shortly after 2 p.m. and rocked the city. Sirens wailed to alert the police and troops.

The police were still hatching a search for further bodies, and at a late hour had extricated those of two constables.

The blast shattered thirty shop windows, and the arm of one of the dead British constables was found one hundred yards from the scene of the explosion.

CURFEW REIMPOSED

A dusk to dawn curfew on the Jewish quarters in Jerusalem was imposed following the explosion, it was officially stated. It had been lifted earlier for the first time since it was imposed fifteen days ago.

Two armed Jews walked into the Labour Department building shortly before it closed at 2 p.m., according to a police report. They warned the chief clerk that the building was mined, and told him to get out.

The clerk ran out into the street and stopped a passing police patrol car, whose crew found the bomb. They were attempting to drag it out into the road when it exploded, the police statement added.

This latest outrage followed a dawn swoop by the Palestine Criminal Investigation Department on Revisionist Party leaders throughout the country as "part of the Security Forces campaign against terrorists."

Sixty Jewish leaders, including three Mayors, were detained under the Palestine Defence Emergency Regulations.

ORGANISATION OUTLAWED

General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, has outlawed the Palestine Revisionist Youth Organisation—the British Trumpeter—on the ground that it is a "recruiting ground for disaffected groups."

Another British was reported kidnapped today by six armed Jews near Tel-Aviv. Following the report, which came from Arab sources, British troops threw a cordon around an orange grove near Tel-Litinsky, in the Tel-Aviv area. The report was, however, later declared to be a false alarm. No member of the British Security Forces or British civilian was missing, British Headquarters announced.

Commenting on today's mass arrests of Revisionist leaders, a Jewish Agency spokesman declared: "This underlines the united Jewish front against terrorism."

Among the Revisionist Party members detained in today's sweep was David Stern, younger brother of Abraham Stern, founder of the Stern Gang terrorist group, who was killed in a gun battle with the police.

DR. ALTMAN DETAINED

Dr. Arlth Altmann, President of the Revisionist Party, was also among those detained. He was due to leave Lydda airport tomorrow for the United States. He called at the Jerusalem offices of the Trans-world Airlines to cancel his passage before leaving for a detention camp in an armoured car.

The three mayors held by the police were Mr Israel Rokach (Mayor of Jerusalem), Mr. (Continued on Page 4)

Why All The Delay?

London, Aug. 5.—The Commons committee on Estimates today recommended an immediate investigation of the delays in the construction of Britain's atomic energy research station at Harwell.

The Committee reported that members "have been much disturbed to learn of the serious delays that have occurred and, they understand, are still occurring."

In a note appended to the report, the Ministry of Supply said it hoped to bring the first atomic pile—consisting of several hundred tons of pure graphite and several tons of uranium—into operation this year. A more elaborate pile will be operating in 1948, it said.—United Press.

Alleged Dutch Violation Of Cease Fire Order

Batavia, Aug. 5.—Radio Jogjakarta reported that the Dutch violated the cease fire order this morning at 2.30 a.m. by capturing Gombong, 30 kilometres southeast of Poerwokerto. Gombong was pre-war a Dutch army training centre.

Almost at the same time, Vice-President Mohammed Hatta called on the Indonesian Army and people to stand by their positions and "remain alert". He spoke in a broadcast over the secret radio station at Bukittinggi in Central Sumatra.

The Republican Cabinet Minister warned that the Dutch might attempt to "provoke" the Indonesians. General Spoor, commander of the Dutch forces in Indonesia, meanwhile intimated that the Indonesians were still fighting despite the cease fire order.

In a radio address to parents of dead and wounded Dutch soldiers, General Spoor said: "I wish to address a personal word to you, now that on our side cease fire orders have been given, that the possibility has once again been created for bringing hostilities to an end."

NEGATIVE CHARGE

Observers interpreted the Commander's statement as a negatively-phrased charge that the Indonesians had not stopped fighting. He failed to say that hostilities had halted or that the Indonesians had issued a cease fire order as well as the Dutch. He warned his listeners to disregard "lying propaganda" from Radio Jogjakarta about "Dutch troops' atrocities."

Meanwhile, as charge and counter-charge flew back and forth, with Batavia and the Republic alleging cease fire violations, official quarters here speculated on what form the American "good offices" would take in settling the conflict.

The Dutch Governor General, Dr. Hubertus van Mook, told the United Press tonight that he had received no indication yet on what the United States would do and said he had no information that would substantiate rumours that Admiral Leahy might be sent here from Washington to investigate the situation.

Other high Dutch sources said the United States could take one of two actions:

- Firstly, invite both sides to sit around a peace table with a United States representative as chairman.
- Secondly, send an observer to investigate both sides of the dispute and then issue a report.

BATAVIA CELEBRATIONS

As both the Dutch and Indonesians waited to see what the United States would do, Batavia momentarily forgot the war to celebrate the birthday of Princess Irene, whose name in Greek means "peace". Her birthday was celebrated throughout the Dutch Empire.

In his speech to the Indonesians, Dr. Hatta reiterated that the Dutch must retire to the demarcation lines of October 1946.

"If the Dutch infringe upon the cease fire order, we must rightfully fight back, but above all we must avoid a fight," he said.

He asked the Indonesians to keep faith in ultimate victory.

"We need severe discipline. I appeal to all the people to remain loyal to the government. We must now face the international world and we must give the impression of a united nation."

Meanwhile, the Republican Commander-in-Chief, Lt-Gen Sudirman,

issued the following four-point order to his troops over Radio Jogjakarta: (1) Stand firm in present positions. (2) Remain on the defensive. (3) Stay alert. (4) Await further orders and instructions.

In Batavia, the Republican Vice-Premier, A. K. Gani, was understood to have sent a dispatch to ex-Premier Sultan Sjahrir, warning that the Dutch cease fire order did not apply to mopping-up operations and therefore could be "illusory."

Dr. Sjahrir, who is on his way to present the Indonesian case to the United Nations, was asked to make that fact clear to the Security Council.—United Press.

Viet Namhese Government Reshuffle

Paris, Aug. 5.—Details of the reshuffle in the Viet Namhese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) Government, which were reported to have eliminated many of the extremist anti-French elements, have been released by the French Government.

Mr Nguyen Gien has relinquished the post of Minister of National Defence to Tan Quang Dan, a member of the Democratic Party.

Vo Gienp, a member of President Ho Chi Minh's Party and reported to be an extremist, remains commander of the Viet Namhese armed forces.

The post of Minister of Veterans Affairs went to Dr. Vu Dung, a member of the Viet Namhese Provisional Government in France and a Catholic, who is believed to be pro-French.

The Ministry of the Interior will be given to a Cochinese-Chinese, not yet designated, the report added.

Earlier it was announced in Saigon that Nguyen Vinh Thuy, the ex-emperor of Annam, headed the list, was "Supreme Counsellor" of the new Government.

The Viet Namhese Government Commission in Paris has issued a summary of the war in Indo-China, claiming French casualties of 10,000 killed and 13,000 wounded, not including prisoners or the sick.

The Commission, which claims to receive its information from its Government through Bangkok, Siam, is not recognised by the French Government.

Fighting between French troops and the army of Viet Namhese has been going on since last December.—Reuter.

JAP PEACE TALKS IN SEPTEMBER?

Washington, Aug. 5.—A well-informed official source said today that the United States intended issuing invitations for the Japanese peace conference for early September if the situation vis-a-vis Soviet Russia could be cleared up in time.

A note to Moscow would be dispatched "within a day or two," the source said, rejecting Russian assertions that the Council of Foreign Ministers should initiate the peace instead of allowing the 11 nations of the Far Eastern Commission to participate on equal terms.

The source said that if Russia still stood on her position, the United States then would sound out other States and if most of them wished to proceed without Russia the invitations would be issued.

Meanwhile, the Australian Ambassador, Mr Norman Mokin, informed the State Department that his Government believed the conference on the Japanese treaty should begin on a high level and not at deputy level, as suggested by the United States in its original approach on the subject last month.

CANBERRA'S REQUEST

Mr Mokin told officials his Government wished the Australian Foreign Minister, Dr. Herbert Evatt, to sit on deliberations "from the very beginning" and indicated that the Australian stand on this and it was possible the United States would suggest an initial brief meeting at high level followed by conferences of the deputies.

Meanwhile, China's attention, that decisions on the Japanese treaty should require the agreement of three of the Big Four—China, Russia, the United Kingdom and United States—in addition to a two-thirds vote of 11 nations, was interpreted by American officials as indicating that the Chinese feared their interests would be jeopardised without at least "modified veto power".

CHINA'S POSITION

It was pointed out that China disagreed with the United States and British position that Japan should be allowed considerable economic resurgence. With a two-thirds vote, China probably would be ruled on this, but if three of the Big Four had to agree, China could count on Russian support, which would maintain the Chinese position under a "modified veto".

Similarly, if the reparations question is not settled by the Far Eastern Commission by the time the peace conference meets, China can count on United States backing for China getting the major share. Unless a modified veto is obtained, China would be overridden on this too.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Cost Of Living Index

How much longer has Hong-kong, to wait for its new official cost of living index? Our understanding is that the task of compiling a more realistic index was completed some time ago, in which case there is no obvious reason for any delay in revealing it. That it remains a secret prompts the thought that possibly it is being used by the Salaries Commission as a yardstick for recommending salary increases. No objection will be raised, but that still does not justify the index being withheld from the public. The fact that the Government has been checking by our high cost of living only serves to point up the urgent necessity for a revised index. The present one, upon which rehabilitation and UCL allowances are based, is fallacious in conception and misleading in fact. Food and fuel are not the only items constituting living costs. Clothing, rent, travelling, school fees and such like are part of inescapable expenditure which has to be met by every "white collar" family. Neither

does the existing cost of living index allow consideration for differing standards of living; the figures, plagiary to be based on average weekly and monthly bills of the middle-class worker but they make no provision for a large family; do not even begin to cover expenditure for a married couple. Only by tabulating a comprehensive list of commodities and services which are wholly essential to present-day living is it possible either to discover why UCL is so high or how to bring it down. For example, clothes, hair cuts and public eating are three necessary indulgences which are so expensive that they are paying an important part in the Colony's crippling cost of living. It is to be expected, therefore, that not only will Government quickly make public its new cost of living index, but that the index will be sufficiently wide in its application that it will accurately mirror current living costs.

New Lightweight Boxing Champion

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—Ike Williams, a bundle of brown fury from Trenton, N.J., became the undisputed lightweight champion of the world last night by knocking out veteran Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, in the sixth round before a crowd estimated at 30,000 at the Municipal Stadium.

Williams, who entered the ring possessing only the National Boxing Association's version of a championship, scored a doubly sweet victory in knocking the Philadelphia who was recognised as the champion New York and Pennsylvania. Montgomery knocked out Williams in their only previous meeting in 1944.

Williams, only 24, made most of his youth, speed and punch as he hammered defeat. He used his left jab and left hook to pave the way for victory, but it was a terrific straight right in the chin that brought about the "kill."

In the sixth round as Montgomery prepared to throw in his left, Williams stepped in with his crushing right to the whiskers. It smashed Montgomery backwards and half way through the ropes so that he dropped over the second rope strand. He slumped to the canvas but managed to get up at the count of nine.

Immediately Williams swarmed over him and snatched him into Williams' corner. There he blasted him mercilessly to the head with barrages of hooks that had him sagging but was unable to fall because of the supporting ropes.

Then the referee intervened, pushed Williams away and began to count. Montgomery tried to come out of the corner but fell to the canvas and was counted out there.

Both boxers weighed 133½ lbs.—United Press.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, Aug. 5.—In spite of interruptions through rain, Middlesex beat Sussex by nine wickets and this kept ahead of Gloucestershire at the head of the County cricket championship table.

Each county have 170 points but Middlesex have played one game less.

The results of games which ended today were:

At Hove: Middlesex beat Sussex by nine wickets; Middlesex, 401 for four declared and 111 for one (Edrich 84 not out); Sussex, 193 and 516 (Bartlett 85, Sims six for 85).

At Kennington Oval: Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by 48 runs. Nottingham, 427 and 130, Surrey, 324 and 191 (Whitlow six for 65).

At Leicestershire: Northamptonshire beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Northants, 453 and 78 for four; Leicestershire, 224 and 305 (Berry 102).

At Sheffield: Yorkshire drew with Lancashire. Yorks, 310 for eight declared; Lancashire, 100 (Wainwright 65, Robinson five for 31) and 180 (Wardle four for 40).

At Derby: Derbyshire drew with Warwickshire. Derby, 325; Warwickshire, 162 (Pope six for 82) and 285 (Ord 111).

At Chelmsford: Worcestershire beat Essex by ten wickets. Worcestershire, 297 and 17 for no wickets; Essex, 69 and 248.

At Swansea: South Africans beat Glamorgan by 40 runs. South Africa, 200 and 108; Glamorgan, 107 and 211.

At Lough: Army beat Royal Air Force by nine wickets. RAF, 200 and 135 (Bartlett six for 85); Army, 311 for one declared (Hearn 100) and 25 for one.—Reuter.

Jim Ferrier Wins

St. Paul, Minnesota, Aug. 5.—Jim Ferrier won the St. Paul open golf championship in an 18-hole playoff with Fred Haas. Ferrier had 68, four under par, to take \$2,194.69 first prize while Haas had 71 for \$1,504.00.

The two had tied at 72 holes at 272.—Associated Press.

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GUBBINS

The following messages on world affairs have been received from the late Sally the Cat's friends—the British Ginger Cat; Manhattan Mouser; American tough Cat; Monsieur O'Lala, French Resistance cat; Heavies, Pest, German spy cat; Mr Pussstein, black market cat; and Peter Pusskin, of Russia.

Ginger Cat

IN reply to your request for a British cat's viewpoint on current affairs, I would like to say, with true British modesty, that the cats of these islands are not only the finest cats in the world, but are probably the only sane cats left in the world.

While cats in other countries either go short of the best food available because they're not smart enough to grab it first (as in free enterprise America), or go short of it because they're not smart enough to get into the Government (as in Communist Russia), the cats of Britain can eat whatever they're smart or not.

That, I think, is the essence of the British Socialist experiment. It means that, whether you're a smart cat, a dumb cat, and old cat or just an unlucky cat, you won't starve.

Of course, all this can't be achieved at once. Post-war conditions have been too difficult.

Foreign cats may ask: "But how is this to be done? Who is going to provide for silly cats and old cats?"

Answering the question in terms of cats' heads, I would say there are enough cats' heads for all, providing the smart cats do not acquire more cats' heads than they can eat.

But this does not mean there will be salmon heads for all. There are not enough to go round.

Therefore, salmon heads must be fought for and won by smart cats, brainy cats and industrious cats. If they do not have rewards for their initiative and industry they will cease to have initiative or be industrious.

All the same, they must eat salmon heads only when old, silly and unlucky cats have been provided with cats' heads.

There is one kind of cat I have not mentioned yet. That is the fat, idle, selfish cat of Mayfair.

He is the first to grumble if there are shortages, the first to complain that he is starving if he is not having more than his fair share, the first to say the country is ruined because he is unable to behave like a pig, and would be the first to steal milk from a hungry kitten.

In the world to come he will be lucky if he gets a fish bone.

Manhattan Mouser

SOME time ago you wrote in your column that America was politically backward. You said we were 50 years behind the times; when bad men prospered and honest men went to the wall.

Well, sir, I reply to your accusation, "So what?"

Naturally, I am only seeing things from a cat's point of view, but then a cat's point of view is not a whole lot different from a man's point of view.

Both cats and men want a good, well-run home, plenty to eat and a choice selection of female society. There's no country like America, the so-called last bulwark of free enterprise, to provide all that a man or a cat requires.

Having through your courtesy, read the message sent by my British friend, the Ginger Cat, I would say the guy has gone screwy on this political dope.

When I was in England during the war I thought everybody was screwy, except the dames, who were swell. But I put that down to the war. I didn't know you was all screwy all the time.

Anyway, what's the big idea of feeding dumb cats, old cats and unlucky cats? It sounds like you was all in a nut-house.

Over here, if a cat is dumb, old or unlucky, or maybe all three, well, that's just too bad.

If he don't make the grade, if he can't be first in the ash-can for the left-overs, then he's a no-account cat in our alley, or any alley in the United States.

I see by his reference to another war that the Ginger Cat is trying to sell us this haywire stuff as the only guarantee of world peace.

Let me tell him right now that America is not a country that is afraid of another war if it means selling the American way of life and

a lot of other things besides to the entire world.

We don't want no planning over here. We got plenty of everything, anyway. Every ash can in the good old United States is full of the choicest left-overs the world has ever seen.

As every man in the United States has a chance to be President, so has every cat in the United States a chance to eat salmon heads three times a day and all day on Sundays.

But they gotta be smart men and smart cats. They gotta be red-blooded men and red-blooded cats. No dumb, old or unlucky man is going to be President of the United States. Anyways, not for long.

And no dumb, old or unlucky cat is going to eat salmon or anything else while there are smart, go-getter cats to beat them to it round the ash-can. No, sir.

If our political thinking is 50 years out of date, well, we like it that way.

If bad men and bad cats prosper while suckers go to the wall, well, we like it that way, too. We've no time for suckers, except to sell them something.

Ask any dame in Manhattan which she prefers—a cat with a conscience and a stale fish bone, or a cat with no conscience and a salmon head.

The same goes for cats and she cats and men and women all over.

Monsieur O'Lala

GREETINGS from La Belle France, the land of good cooking and the Black Market.

I see that my friend the British Ginger Cat is still the idealist he always was, still believes he is the only cat who is always right, still

believes he is a born leader of cats, and still regards the foreign cat as amusing but so misguided.

Well, maybe he is right. Maybe he is guiding us all to a better life. There is no doubt that but for his idealism the world might now be enslaved.

But why does he have to make himself so uncomfortable? Why all this rationing, this giving away of good when he is short himself, this fair shares for all when there is the Black Market?

Over ere, in La Belle France, there is rationing, yes, but there is also the Black Market. You use your rations. Then you go into the Black Market.

It is not criminal to be in the Black Market. It is clever and you are envied by all who are not so clever.

It is the same with she cats. In England I ear the she cats are so short of milk and cream that they do not wash themselves or make themselves smart.

Over ere, if Mademoiselle Cat were a friend in the Black Market, she have plenty of cream so she is clean and smart and appy and full of joie de vivre.

Therefore, while I wish the British Ginger Cat good fortune in his social experiment, I also say vive la France, vive le Black Market, vive l'amour.

Herr von Pest

GOTT strafe England! Gott strafe der Ginger Cat. Hell der salm head.

'Not guilty' doesn't
mean 'innocent'by
CLAUDE
MULLINS

UNDER our English system accused people are not guilty until magistrates or a jury have found them to be so. I purposely use the term "not guilty" rather than "innocent," for, strange as it may seem to the layman, the innocence of the accused plays no part in a criminal trial.

The prosecution has to prove guilt. If this fails the accused is not guilty, and then the criminal law leaves matters, whether the accused is in fact innocent or not.

The question that I am asking in this article is whether the rules that govern defending lawyers (meaning barristers and solicitors) give too great scope to them.

In that entertaining book "Without Prejudice," by the first Chief Magistrate under whom I served, the late Sir Charles Biron, there is an example of what the author describes as "a legitimate triumph of advocacy at its best."

A serious charge had been made against a rich stockbroker, a nurse and a doctor. In the author's words: "The case of the prosecution was very clear. To the evidence there seemed no answer."

Passion... skill

ONE of the accused was defended by a barrister named Geoghegan, who was a famous advocate before my time. Of him Sir Charles wrote: "He was a master of the supreme art in defence of diverting an issue." His technique was mastery. Without any material he would manage to create an atmosphere of suspicion round your case (for the prosecution) which, as it were, by barristers, was very difficult to dispel."

In this particular case Geoghegan concentrated on an entirely irrelevant point. He addressed the jury on this point "In a voice quivering with passion." He drove his legally irrelevant point home "with such skill that he made this fact seem

an essential point" in the prosecution's case.

Amazing verdict

THE other defending barristers had "made no impression." Presumably they had stuck to the facts of the case. The judge, in his summing up, was apparently unable to remove the impression made by Geoghegan, for as the result of the latter's methods "all the prisoners were acquitted." Sir Charles commented: "It was an amazing verdict."

Is such a case exceptional? Definitely not. In legal circles one often hears the achievements of a defending barrister (in obtaining from a jury a surprising verdict of Not guilty) described as a "good win." Geoghegan was merely an exceptionally brilliant advocate for the defence in criminal trials.

It must be made abundantly clear that no suggestion of unfair advocacy is being made. Sir Charles Biron says definitely that Geoghegan "never exceeded the legitimate rules of the game," and this statement is true, for otherwise he would have been brought to book by the judge or by the professional body that governs the Bar.

The point of this article is to query whether the rules of the game need revision: whether too many acquittals are not obtained that are contrary to the public interest.

Drink cases

THERE are two crimes which are specially difficult to prove before a jury. One is driving a motor

I DON'T know anything about social experiments, and don't care. All I know is that commodities are in short supply, and I endeavour to accommodate those who are willing to co-operate.

To hear people talk, anybody would think I was the only cat in the black market, although it ought to be obvious that cats of all nationalities are up to their whiskers in it.

I expect they're jealous because I'm smarter than most, though, believe me, there are some highly respectable British cats who take a bit of beating.

Anyway, what's wrong with a black market?

Before the war, when there was plenty for everybody, there were no black markets. If there were no natural shortages, they were created artificially to keep up prices.

What, for instance, was a corner in wheat but a black market? Or a corner in anything else?

Considering some of the thieving cats I meet in Billingsgate, I often wonder what a white market is—it there is such a thing.

Business is business, so what about a free advert in your paper?

I have a nice line in salmon heads a bit over the odds, and an option on a dustbin full of empty sardine tins, unlicked and full of oil.

Peter Pusskin

I SHALL probably go to Siberia for this. Many Russian cats have been sent to Siberia for communicating with foreign cats.

All I can say is that the British Ginger Cat's social experiment is either namby-pamby Communism or another trick of plutocratic dogs and cannibals.

Who ever heard of feeding old, dumb or unlucky cats if they are of no use to the State?

In Russia we feed only those who work. Our motto is "Caviare for commissars cats; let the moujiks eat mice."

while "under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control," and the other is a sexual assault on a child.

In both these charges an accused can choose between trial by magistrates or trial by jury. If figures were available it would be found, I believe, that the proportion of acquittals on these charges is far higher in trials by juries than in trials before magistrates. Why?

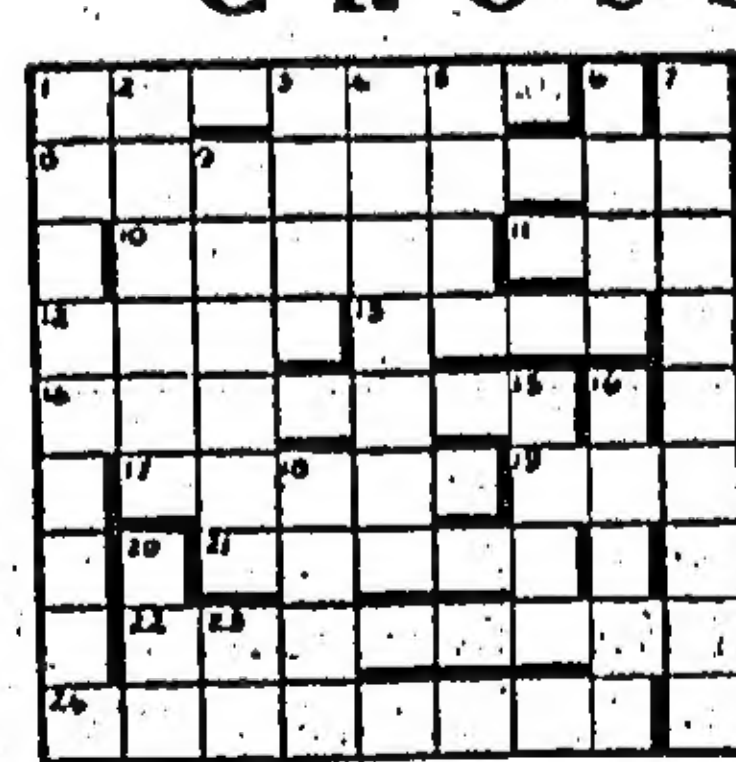
Because a trial by jury gives far greater opportunities for "triumphs of advocacy."

Change rules?

THE question needs asking whether it is in the public interest that those who have committed serious offences should be acquitted through "triumphs of advocacy."

If this is so, it seems that "the rules of the game" should be revised. In particular, should "diverting the issue" be permitted? This is an interesting problem that needs attention.

CROSSWORD



14. This is done before blasting rock. (7)
15. Suitable name for a surgeon? (6)
16. Permit. (8)
17. Such relationship is more than nice. (6)
18. It's an old Spanish dance. (8)
19. Convert into ether. (8)
20. Down
1. After rust is mixed you get it. (9)
2. Wireless accessory. (6)
3. Volume. (4) 4. Correctness. (7)
5. No innards could be this. (8)
6. Sugar to gardeners. (4)
7. Home. (6)
8. Like 10 he was an invader. (6)
9. A depression in the hills. (6)
10. It may be a shell. (6)
11. Minus half. (4)
12. A way back. (3)
13. Exclamation! (2)

- Across
1. Caprice. (6) 2. Road event. (6)
3. It provides a road event. (6)
4. Norma or man may become one. (6)
5. The star lion. (8)
6. Father. (4)
7. Plant sometimes broken yet relied upon. (4)

- Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across:
1. Dragon. 2. Danger. 3. Bird. 4. Allot. 5. Cad. 6. Bus. 7. Paid. 8. Accusation. 9. Regeneration. Down:
1. Cornish. 2. Narcosis. 3. Aspy. 4. Beetle. 5. Archibald. 6. Opille. 7. Shell. 8. Coward. 9. Fate. 10. Data. 11. Full. 12. Ostr. 13. Hum. 14. Fan.

POCKET CARTOON

BY THE
WAY

by Beachcomber

MR GATHERBY NEMO, the Super-Registrar appointed to co-ordinate and integrate four-way registration, has had a row with C. Suet, Esq., already over the precise meaning of the word "deregistration," which occurs 16 times in Schedule 84 of directive 63 issued to all local and regional sub-registrars.

Suet says the word is used in a general sense, to mean the cancelling of registration in a given case. Mr Nemo says the word means the reversal of the process of registering something a second time. Suet says that is what he said, in different words.

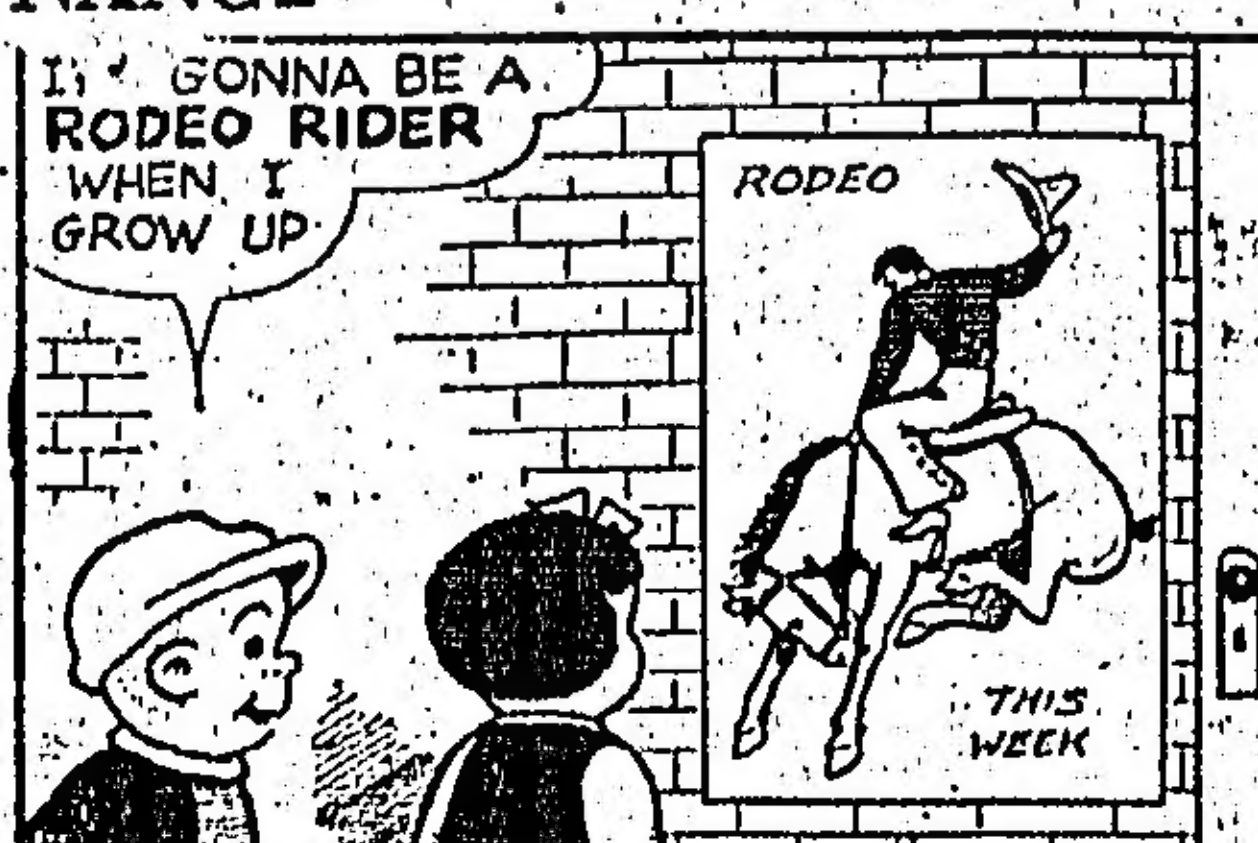
The pea is submerged

ONE would have thought that it was hardly the time for an able-bodied man to push a pea up a mountain with his nose. Yet a Gallup poll reveals that 83 percent think that Evans the Hearse is quite right to do it, "before other countries bent us to it," as one sportsman put it. Meanwhile the state of the ground is making practice difficult. Yesterday the pea became water-logged in a large pool on the mountain side and sank, and Evans returned with a very wet and muddy nose.

The singing mouse

I knew a little tenor mouse
Who nightly filled the Opera House.
Although his voice was small in range,
The higher notes were sweet and strange.
One night—a lady in the stalls
(Accustomed to low music-halls)
Began to eat a hunk of cheese.
The mouse went feebly at the knees,
His whiskers twitched, and, stricken dumb,
He eyed the auditorium.
Then, in a rapturous squeak he cried:
"After the show, my dear, outside!"

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"Dear Lois Leeds—What shade of lipstick is used in television for a 'society' makeup?"

—CURIOUS.

A deep Vivid-Purple.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Do you think that all matrons of over forty should wear only black evening dresses?"

—M. X.

No, pastels are beautiful for the tall, slender matron—and Deep Blues, Plum, Wine and rich Golden-Browns charming for the "handsome" figure of a woman.

Makeup by GABRIELLE



Get a box of face powder which is two shades darker than your true skin-tone shade. Keep a special puff for this darker powder. For the too-square face, apply a film of this darker powder, diagonally from the cheekbone to the point of the chin. Do one side of your face. Study the effect, then do the other side. This soft, shadow-like powder blending will make your contour look less square.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You know how my parents pry into all my affairs—that's why I enjoy those rides on the subway where we can be alone!"

Peter Walked Slap Into Gangland

"Now I Fear For My Life"

When Peter John Dennis, ex-Ministry of Aircraft Production executive, was asked if he was working and said "No, I've just come out, he meant from hospital—but the men he had walked into thought he meant from gaol.

The men were London gangsters. They wanted him to co-operate with them. The encounter started a train of events which climaxed when three thugs he didn't know kicked in two of his ribs, smashed his thumb as he tried to ward off a blow to the head with an iron bar—beat him up so badly his lungs were affected.

Next day he was to have given evidence against men involved in the £18,000 fur robbery from Dickens' and Jones' Regent-street store.

Dennis told the press: "As they beat me up the leader warned: 'If you testify that will be your lot.' He meant I would die."

Dennis quit London. Then Scotland Yard called every police station in Britain with this SOS: "Find Dennis at all costs." Only his evidence was needed.

In a London newspaper office Dennis unfolded this story:

"When I left hospital earlier this year I was asked to co-operate with a gang. At first I didn't know they were shop-breakers, but later I found they had elaborate plans for grabbing furs. They had women experts to choose the best furs, and a man who could cut the keys of any shop.

"They wanted me to time the movements of everyone who might get in the way at the store. They had misunderstood my remark about coming out of hospital.

THE RAID

"In the first attempt the key was to 32nd part of an inch wrong. In the second, and successful, raid I was ill. The Brown brothers were arrested and I decided to give myself up. I was all set to testify when I was beaten-up, and fled.

"I hid six days in Southampton. My thumb became septic, my breathing difficult. Semi-conscious, I again went to the police. They decided I must have protection.

"Even at the Old Bailey last week I was under protection in the police rooms.

"After the trial, the Yard told me I had nothing more to fear, and withdrew protection. But I believe my life is still in danger.

"The men who beat me up were not those who were sentenced. They have not been caught.

"Now I want to get away to some place where I can be safe—where my wife and baby can join me."

£220 FOR SHELLEY PAMPHLET

A selection of books saved from the bomb-damaged library at Holland House, Kensington, belonging to Lord Ilchester, fetched £5,280 during a two-day sale of books at Hodgson's.

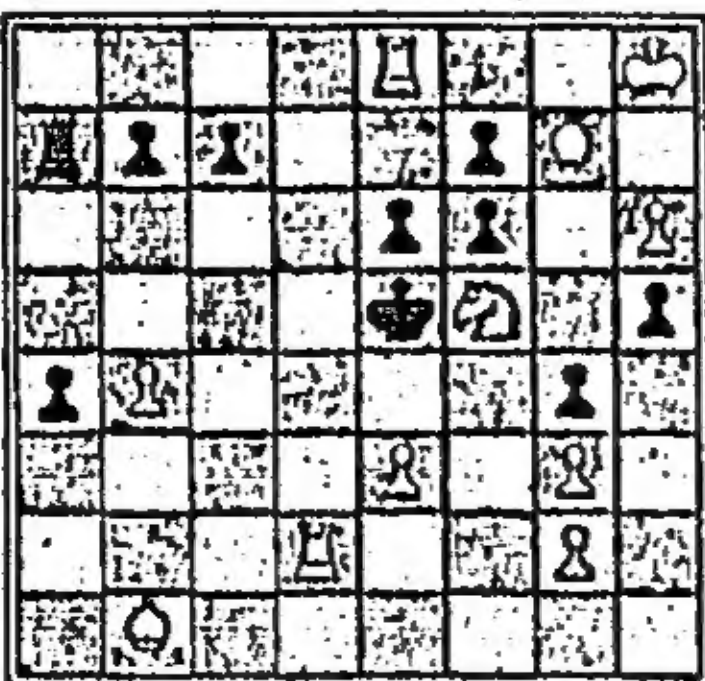
Among the Holland House books was a volume containing a first edition of the political pamphlet (eight leaves) published by Shelley in 1817 under the title "A Proposal for putting Reform to the Vote throughout the Kingdom. By the Hermit of Marlow," which sold for £220.

A copy of F. Levant's "Les Oiseaux de Paradis" (three volumes, 1806-7, was sold for £300; and E. P. Ventenat's "Jardin de la Malmaison," with 120 coloured plates after the drawings of P. J. Redouté, 1803, for £245.

From other sources came a collection in four volumes of the engraved works of Johan E. Aldinger (1695-1767), which fetched £250; and £225 was paid for an imperfect fifteenth-century French-Flemish illuminated manuscript "Book of Hours," with 10 beautifully painted miniatures.

CHESS PROBLEM

By V. L. BAXON
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-K5, any; 2. Q, or D mate.

Exhibition Theme Is Scottish Enterprise

"Enterprise, Scotland, 1947" is the title of an exhibition to be held in Edinburgh from August 25 until the end of September. The exhibition will be staged in the Royal Museum, with supplementary displays in at least 12 of the shop windows in the famous Princes Street.

Approximately 30,000 square feet will be occupied in the Museum, though it is to be a selective exhibition, in which everything will be chosen for its design and quality. More than 500 Scottish firms have already expressed their intention of submitting goods for selection.

The Exhibition will be composed of four sections. The first, "Scotland Yesterday," will occupy the entrance hall. Dominating this hall will be a colossal figure of St. Andrew, symbolising the spirit of Scottish enterprise. The second section, "The Country," shows what Scotland has to offer to holiday-makers, especially facilities for sport and recreation, her historic interest and scenic beauty.

Third section is "Scotland Today." The first part of this section will consist of the Shipping Hall, presenting Scottish shipbuilding from its earliest beginnings up to present-day supremacy—symbolised by a model of the "Queen Elizabeth." Scottish printing—always an important Scottish industry—is next represented, and then textiles.

Among the exhibits here will be four Shetland shawls, made from the wool of as many as 25 sheep, and spun before knitting to a fineness no power loom can achieve. They are so fine that each can be pulled through a woman's wedding ring.

Tweeds and tartans, of course, are also in evidence. Other industries, including glass, scientific instruments, footwear and household commodities will also be represented.

Finally, "Scotland Tomorrow" is being organised by the Department of Health for Scotland. It shows the new planning of towns and industrial estates. The Exhibition will synchronise with the music festival which is to make Edinburgh the Salzburg of Scotland.

PENICILLIN CAN BE DANGEROUS

Sir Alexander Fleming, inventor of penicillin, told microbiologists from 30 countries meeting in Copenhagen recently that over-doses of penicillin might impair the ability of the blood to coagulate and thus be dangerous if applied in diseases which caused bleeding, reports Associated Press.

Sir Alexander said that the drug was still considered the most ideal among anti-bacterial substances and was now being produced without restrictions.

"The danger of penicillin occurs when more than 50,000 units per cubic centimetre are applied," he said.

Filming Britain From The Air

In April and May last, 25,000 photographic prints were provided by photographic aircraft of Coastal Command in flights over the United Kingdom. This represents a coverage of 6,700 square miles.

The majority of the sorties were originated by the Ministry of Town and Country Planning and the Ordnance and Survey Department.

Other tasks were undertaken for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Civil Aviation, and the Army Staff College. The Ministry of Road Transport, Northern Army Command and the Department of Health for Scotland.

Rupert and the Young Imp—37



Without troubling to see whether Rupert is following, the two Imps of Spring drop into the dark hole and march off through the very rough passage in single file with the young Imp between them. "Hi, wait for me," says the little bear as he lowers himself after them. No sooner is he down than the voice swings smoothly into its place, shutting out most of the light, and Rupert realises that he can't go back and must grope his way forward.

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PALACE POSTAL STAFF DOUBLED

The staff of the Court post office at Buckingham Palace has had to be doubled to cope with the extra work following the announcement of the Royal engagement.

Increasing mail traffic to the Palace has broken all recent records.

The volume of letters, packets and parcels is 10 times greater than usual. Telephone calls are unprecedented.

On one day the staff had to handle 1,300 telegrams and cables.

JAP OLYMPIC JAVELIN

Copies of an original Japanese olympic javelin are used by IAF competitors now training in Japan for the forthcoming British Commonwealth Occasional Forces athletic competitions.

It was decided to include javelin-throwing in the list of events, and

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LOST

LOST—brown Alsatian Dog, age one year, happy Valley, believed injured, answers to name Windy, 109 Wongsatong Road, Neward.

after a search a Warrant Officer found one in his office which proved to be a genuine Japanese olympic javelin.

